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Office of the Secretary Federal Communications Commission ATTN:Docket #92-90 1919 M St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20544

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

August 25,1992

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in regard to the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991.

As a telemarketer for RE/MAX Realtors in Springfield, Vermont, I need to express my concern about a possible ban on cold call telemarketing. This is a very important part of the residential Real Estate business and is a great service to many homeowners. I have found that out of hundreds of calls made, few if any refuse. Many are extremely glad that I made the effort to contact them as they wanted to sell their homes and just didn't know how to go about it.

Banning cold calling in the Real Estate world would greatly hamper the efforts of the Realtors to communicate with the potential buyers and sellers in the community.

These concerns are shared by all of the RE/MAX team.

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Leadership Conference

NAR President-elect William S. Chee outlined the goals for his 1993 presidency during meetings with the association's 1993 regional vice president nominees, committee liaisons, committee chairmen and vice chairmen at the NAR Leadership Conference in Chicago Aug. 6-7. Of critical importance in the coming year, Chee said, will be to implement the association's 1993 Strategic Plan by using sound business plans to direct the work of NAR committees. Chee, chief executive officer of Locations Inc. in Honolulu, will begin his term as president at the close of NAR's annual convention in November in Honolulu.

NAR seeks to preclude FCC ban on 'cold' calls

Do you use the telephone extensively to market your services to potential homebuyers and sellers?

If the answer is yes, then the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® wants you to write to the Federal Communications Commission this week and urge it not to restrict your ability to use person-to-person telephone solicitations.

The FCC is drafting regulations to implement the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, which restricts the use of automatic dialing systems and requires the FCC to consider restrictions on person-to-person solicitations of residential homes, NAR analysts said. Final regulations are due in mid-September, so REALTORS® should write the FCC as soon as possible, they said.

In a comment letter to the FCC earlier this summer, the national association asked the commission not to restrict person-to-person telephone solicitations because "complaints about this marketing method are extremely low in comparison to other methods such as the use of artificial, computer-generated solicitations."

NAR noted that a key part of the residential real estate business involves using the telephone for person-to-person solicitations. Association analysts suggest you may want to make the same point in your letter.

Specifically, NAR would like you to tell



the FCC how important "cold" calling is to your business in particular and the residential real es-

tate industry in general. NAR analysts said it's important to refer to "Docket No. 92-90, Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991" in all letters.

Direct letters to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Attn: Docket No. 92-90, 1919 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For more information on the rules being drafted by the FCC, contact Roy DeLoach in NAR's Washington, D.C., office at 202/383-1171.



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September 2, 1992

Dear F.C.C. Secretary,

I am a realtor in the Los Gatos-Saratoga area of California who is very concerned on the impact that restrictions on cold calling would have on the economy in general and on my business in particular.

The key to sales success is prospecting -- contacting people to make use of a product or service for an agreed-on fee. As a former sales manager who has worked to encourage new agents to productive careers, I can report that this area of prospecting, even in the most encouraging business climate, provides the greatest difficulty. Contacting people whom they have not met before on a mass basis to see if they have any interest to see if they are interested in the product or service makes them feel very uncomfortable.

The fact remains, that in order to be successful and maintain a steady income in a sales career, the people who contact the largest number of prospects will prevail. It's a "numbers game" reliant on percentages.

In my opinion, the greatest advantage of the telephone is that it is the most efficient (though <u>not</u> the most effective) means of personal contact. The more personal the contact with a prospect is, the greater the likelihood there is of a positive response.

Face-to-face contact is the most effective contact, and it may be that if phone solicitation is outlawed outright, we agents will have to revert to knocking on people's doors from 7 AM until 9 PM so we can encounter people at their homes--especially in this day of the two-income family.

Personal referrals are excellent, but difficult to stay in control of to an extent that they can be relied on for steady income.

Then there is the telephone. On my prospecting days, I prefer to make 50 to 100 phone calls through phone numbers in a reverse directory organized by streets and zip codes. I average 1 long-term